

# OPERATION SPRING THAW

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# Definitions

- Point of Dispensing (POD)
- First Responder
- Essential Personnel
- Priority Emergency Medication
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- LDS
- Distribution
- Dispensing



PODs only  
provide  
preventive  
medication, not  
treatment!



SNS warehouse  
[www.cdc.gov/phpr/stockpile/stockpile.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/stockpile/stockpile.htm)

# Planning

- **Annual updates:**
  - **Number of Personnel**
  - **Contact information**
  - **Responder and Closed POD plans**
  - **Training**
  - **MCDH Plan**






# Coordination

## • Planning

Agency	Number of Personnel	Number of Family Members	Authorized to Sign for Emergency Medical Materials	24/7 contact information for agency	Date Updated



**McHenry County Department of Health  
Municipal and Township Essential Personnel  
Emergency Medication Dispensing Survey**

*Definition of Essential Personnel:* Staff members who are vital for ensuring that functions that must be maintained with little or no interruption of service. Vital services are those that are essential for providing public health and safety or are


TOWNSHIP OR MUNICIPALITY NAME		TODAY'S DATE
ADDRESS		
PRIMARY OFFICIAL'S NAME		
MAIN PHONE NUMBER	MAIN FAX NUMBER	

*To determine the quantity of emergency preventive medication or vaccine, please record the number of your*

**Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) Overview**

**Mass Prophylaxis Plan**

For a Response during a Public Health Emergency



McHenry County Department of Health  
Emergency Preparedness and Response

# Coordination

## • Training



### Questions?

- Contact the Health Department at 815-334-4510 and ask for Emergency Response
- During an incident, a Hotline will be activated to address response-related questions
- Find additional information on the IDPH (<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>) and CDC ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) websites



## First Responder and Essential Personnel Plan

McHenry County Department of Health





# Coordination

- **Exercising**

- October 10 Initial Planning Conference (IPC)
- Planning Conference Participants
- Exercise Participants
- Department Participants
- Medical Reserve Corps Participants



# Coordination

- Exercising





# Objective

- Test our ability to receive, inventory, store and distribute preventive medication from the Strategic National Stockpile at our *LDS*
- Exercise our procedures for distributing emergency medications from the SNS to first responders and closed PODs





# Background

A public health emergency occurs

MCDH determines preventive meds are needed

McHenry County requests the SNS

LDS and Distribution Plan Activated

# Background

Upon SNS request:

- LDS stood up
- SNS received
- Agencies notified
- Medication distribution prepared



# Exercise Facts

- **28,758 people are covered by our priority medication plan.**
- **11 organizations and 12 county fire departments and associated police departments participated.**
- **3 individuals evaluated Operation Spring Thaw. They were from IDPH; the Salvation Army and Oak Park Health Dept.**
- **2 members of the MRC facilitated exercise play by phoning in pertinent information throughout the exercise.**



# Exercise Facts

- Some of the exercise set-up was left for participants.
- Participants were encouraged to use common sense to problem solve and change procedures as needed.
- Pre designed problems called “injects” were inserted throughout the exercise

# Exercise Facts

## *Simulated Damaged Medication*

The McHenry County Fire Chiefs Association purchased 14 cases of medication vials for use in this exercise. The Emergency Management Agency purchased an additional case.



# LDS Exercise

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- Received SNS Medication
- Moved it to storage area
- Conducted and maintained inventory
- “Picked orders”



Receipt and verification of the SNS shipment



# LDS Exercise

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- Receiving SNS Medication



Receipt and verification of the SNS shipment

# LDS Exercise

- Conducting and Maintaining Inventory



The Inventory Team

# LDS Exercise

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- “Picking orders”



Assembling orders



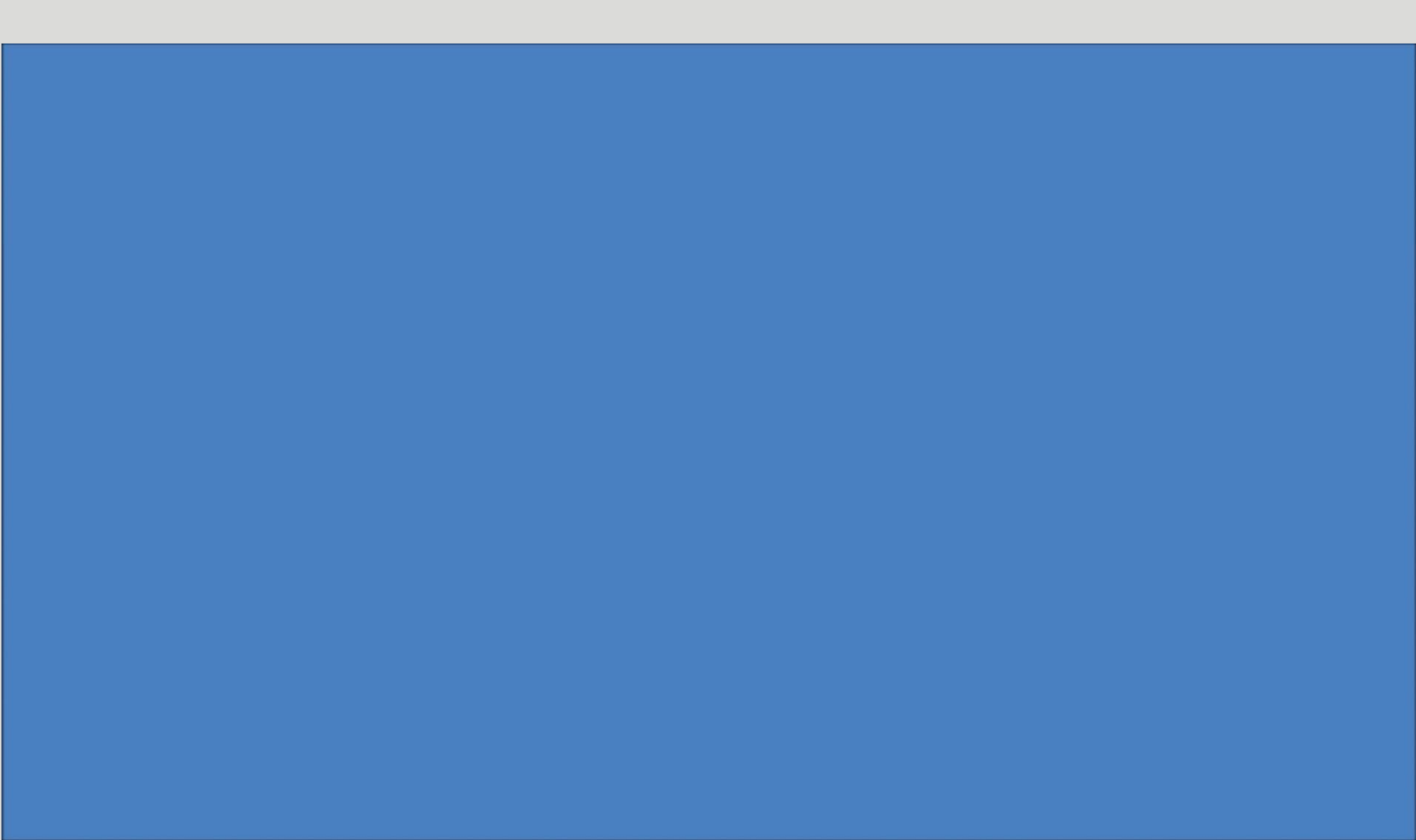
# Distribution Exercise

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- Pick up medication
- Instruction given by Education Station
- police departments provide security escort
- ILEAS and Sheriff's Department provide LDS security
- Fire Departments dispense priority medication



**MCDH**







# Questions?

